

INFORMATION PAPER

SUBJECT: Hazardous Waste Turn-in and Disposal Procedures

1. PURPOSE. To provide guidance to Military Components on Hazardous Waste Turn-in and Disposal Procedures for Fort Drum, NY.

2. INFORMATION.

a. Definition: A hazardous waste is defined as a hazardous material that is no longer able to be used for its intended purpose and either exhibits one or more of the following characteristics: ignitability, corrosivity, reactivity, or toxicity, or is, or contains, a waste listed in 40 CFR 261.31-33(f). Hazardous wastes occur in solid, liquid, or gaseous states (e.g. paints, solvents, thinners, chemical defense equipment kits, batteries, asbestos, and mask filters).

b. Best management of hazardous waste is to make sure a hazardous material does not become a waste. Good housekeeping practices such as ordering only the quantities required, using all of the material, keeping containers closed when not in use to prevent contamination, and properly protecting and storing containers from the elements are ways in which to keep hazardous waste to a minimum.

c. Each unit has an Environmental Compliance Officer (ECO) who is appointed by the unit Commander. These ECOs are the POCs for the turn-in of hazardous waste for that unit. Hazardous Waste turn-in will be coordinated through the Hazardous Material Control Center, (315) 772-5977. It is required that a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) be available for each type of waste being turned in.

d. Reserve units are to notify the Hazardous Material Control Center, (315) 772-5977, if they need to turn in hazardous waste. It will be required that they supply their DODDAC and APC numbers to be billed appropriately. Training in hazardous waste handling needs to be documented and submitted to the Environmental Office upon arrival.

3. CONCLUSION. Assistance with the disposal and procedure required for the disposal of hazardous waste can be obtained from the PW, Hazardous Waste Section at (315) 772-2678 or the Hazardous Material Control Center, (315) 772-5977, DSN 772.